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DISABLED ACCESS CREDIT EXPANSION ACT OF 2021

Introduced by Rep. A. Donald McEachin (D-VA), Rep. Jim Langevin (D-RI), and Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)

Current endorsing organizations: *National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities; National Council on Independent Living; National Disabilities Rights Network; Paralyzed Veterans of America; American Network of Community Options and Resources; The Arc; Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law; Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities.*

In honor of the thirty-first anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Congressman Donald McEachin, Congressman Jim Langevin, and Senator Tammy Duckworth are proud to reintroduce the **Disabled Access Credit Expansion Act of 2021**.

Since the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, Congress has worked to enshrine the principle in law that no American should be denied access to a public space because of who they are. However, the nation has much work to do to provide equal rights and access to all, including the 61 million Americans with disabilities. It is more important than ever that we renew our commitment to basic fairness and equal access.

Originally, the Disabled Access Credit (DAC) was meant to provide small businesses with assistance to provide reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities. However, the tax credit has yet to be updated, all while small businesses still lag behind in providing such reasonable accommodations like wheelchair ramps, and websites and mobile apps that are accessible to people with visual or mobility impairments.

The Disabled Access Credit Expansion (DACE) Act renews our commitment to Americans with disabilities and small businesses by:

- **Expanding the Disabled Access Credit (DAC):** Increasing eligible expenses businesses can write off to \$20,500, doubling the maximum credit from \$5,000 to \$10,125, expanding the definition of small businesses to companies with gross receipts of \$2.5 million or less from \$1 million or less, and indexing the credit to keep pace with inflation.
- **Increasing the Funding for the ADA Mediation Program:** Increasing funding for the Department of Justice's (DOJ) ADA Mediation Program to train contracted mediators and increase personnel to help individuals with disabilities and businesses reach a resolution without increased litigation.
- **Collecting ADA Information Line Data:** Requiring DOJ to provide a report to Congress on the specific types of calls the ADA Information Line receives in order to improve the ways individuals with disabilities and businesses learn about their rights and how facilities can become ADA-compliant.



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